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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: SCOTT E. MOORE ET AL.  
APPLICATION NO.: 10/090,869  
FILED: MARCH 4, 2002  
FOR: **METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR  
ELECTROCHEMICAL-MECHANICAL  
PROCESSING OF MICROELECTRONIC  
WORKPIECES**

EXAMINER: LOIS L. ZHENG  
ART UNIT: 1742  
CONF. NO: 5296

**Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance**

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Sir:

In the Notice of Allowability mailed April 12, 2006, the Examiner allowed claims 1-42. Although the applicants' attorney agrees with the Examiner's conclusion that these claims are allowable, the applicants' attorney notes that the claims may be allowable for reasons other than those identified by the Examiner and does not concede that the Examiner's characterizations of the terms of the claims and the prior art are correct.

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